

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 031758

62

ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 CCO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/RPE:JRTARRANT:LW

APPROVED BY EUR - AHHARTMAN

C - HSONNENFELDT

EB - JLKATZ

EUR/RPE - EHPREEG

EB/FSE - SBOSWORTH

S/S -O:P.SHANKLE

----- 116552

O P 120208Z FEB 75 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMCONSUL JERUSALEM IMMEDIATE

INFO USMISSION EC BRUSSELS PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 031758

EXDIS, TOSEC 98

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: EC STATEMENTS ON CONSUMER-PRODUCER MEETING

REFTEL: EC BRUSSELS 1212

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN

1. FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR INQUIRY ABOUT ACTIONS TAKEN BY FEBRUARY 10 EC COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING REGARDING CONSUMER-PRODUCER MEETING. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT EC HAS ACTED IN ANY WAY TO WEAKEN CONSUMER-COUNTRY POSITION AGREED AT LAST WEEK'S IEA MEETING THAT A PREPCON IS (A) CONDITIONAL ON ACHIEVING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN ALL THREE KEY AREAS, INCLUDING FURTHER PROGRESS ON NEW SUPPLIES, AND (B) SHOULD BE CONVENED AT OFFICIAL LEVEL.

2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, EC MINISTERS WERE PRIMARILY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 031758

CONCERNED WITH TARIFF/MTN ISSUES, BUT DID EXCHANGE VIEWS

ON PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF A PREPCON. THIS EXCHANGE WAS ESSENTIALLY A COMMUNITY CAUCUS WITH FRANCE BEING BRIEFED ON RECENT IEA DEVELOPMENTS, AS WE HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM TO DO. NO FORMAL DECISIONS WERE TAKEN AT THE MEETING.

3. ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUE OF PREPCON PRECONDITIONS, THE EIGHT EC MEMBERS AGREED ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE

GOVERNING BOARD LAST WEEK THAT "IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT SATISFACTORY PROGRESS WILL BE ABLE TO BE REALIZED IN THE FIELD OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD A PREPARATORY MEETING BEFORE THE END OF MARCH." THE EC MINISTERS DID NOT PROPOSE ANY CHANGE IN THIS ACCEPTED CONDITIONALITY FOR A PREPCON AND DID EXPRESS INTENTION TO CONTINUE FULL COORDINATION OF CONSUMER POSITIONS IN IEA. AS REPORTED TO YOU BY USEC BRUSSELS IN GREATER DETAIL, THE EC MINISTERS DID NOT ACTUALLY DISCUSS TIMING OF PREPCON.

4. ON QUESTION OF LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION AT PREPCON, THE EC MINISTERS ACCEPT THAT MEETING WOULD BE AT THE SENIOR OFFICIAL LEVEL. REFERENCES TO EC "PRESIDENCY" ACTING AS COMMUNITY SPOKESMAN AT PREPCON TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OFFICIAL LEVEL PARTICIPATION, I.E. IRISH WILL PROVIDE REPRESENTATION AT WHATEVER LEVEL IS APPROPRIATE.

5. REGARDING ENDORSEMENT OF YAMANI LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR PREPCON WE UNDERSTAND THERE WAS A DE FACTO CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF THIS LIST BUT NO FORMAL ENDORSEMENT OR DECISION WAS MADE. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH VIEW EXPRESSED BY EC COUNTRIES AT LAST WEEK'S GOVERNING BOARD MEETING IN FAVOR OF YAMANI LIST. DECISION OF GOVERNING BOARD HOWEVER, WAS TO POSTPONE DECISION UNTIL NEXT SESSION. US STANCE ON PARTICIPATION ISSUES REMAINS CONSISTENT WITH POSITIONS YOU APPROVED PRIOR TO GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF LAST WEEK. EC COUNTRIES ARE AWARE THAT US FAVORS CANADIAN PARTICIPATION AT PREPCON AND ARE NOT OPPOSED PER SE TO CANADA BUT ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT OPENING THIS DOOR WILL LEAD TO GREATLY EXPANDED PARTICIPATION ON ALL SIDES. EXPANDED PARTICIPATION AT PREPCON WOULD CAUSE

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 031758

PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY FOR UK WHICH ONLY RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED SINGLE EC REPRESENTATION.

6. A SEPARATE QUESTION IS RAISED REGARDING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF MAKING PUBLIC EC VIEWS ON PREPCON SEPARATELY FROM UNIFIED CONSUMER VIEWS EXPRESSED THROUGH IEA. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE SUGGESTION OF A DIFFERENCE AMONG CONSUMERS ON PREPCON ISSUES COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF THE EC

WERE ABLE TO KEEP INTERNAL VIEWS PRIVATE. AN EC SPOKESMAN NORMALLY ATTEMPTS TO GIVE A GENERAL BUT FACTUAL BRIEFING AT THE END OF EACH DAY BECAUSE COUNCIL RESULTS INVARIABLY LEAK IN SOME FORM. WHEN FITZGERALD GAVE ORAL BRIEFING EVENING OF FEBRUARY 10 HE WAS FOLLOWING ESTABLISHED PATTERN.

7. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION WE HAVE UP TO THIS POINT, WHICH IS NOT COMPLETE, I RECOMMEND NOT RPT NOT SENDING MESSAGE TO EC POSTS. I WILL HOWEVER REVIEW SITUATION

AGAIN TOMORROW BASED ON FULLER ACCOUNT OF BRUSSELS MEETING AND AFTER DISCUSSING MATTER WITH TOM ENDERS WHO IS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY MORNING. INGERSOLL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE031758
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JRTARRANT:LW
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750050-0214
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750249/aaaabrzy.tel
Line Count: 128
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 75 TEL: EC BRUSSELS 1212
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 APR 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <17 SEP 2003 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EC STATEMENTS ON CONSUMER-PRODUCER MEETING
TAGS: OVIP, (KISSINGER, HENRY A)
To: JERUSALEM
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006